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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Bensur
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Filed: February 13, 2001
For: FLEXIBLE NON-FOIL-BASED RETORT PACKAGE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

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4. (Amended) The flexible non-foil-based retort packaging structure of claim 1, further comprising ink printed on the side of the layer of polyester that faces the layer of metallized polyester.

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9. (Amended) The flexible non-foil-based retort packaging structure of claim 6, further comprising ink printed on the layer of metallized polyester on an opposite side thereof from the layer of cast polypropylene, and a layer of a retortable lacquer covering the ink.

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12. (Amended) A flexible non-foil based retort package, comprising at least two opposing portions of the packaging structure of claim 6 having peripheral edge portions of the opposing portions heat-sealed together so as to form a pouch configuration.